

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We always make our lessons as fun and exciting as possible but nothing can quite compare with an educational visit! Here is just a flavour of some of the places we go :

- Y6 Residential at Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in North Wales
- Martin Mere
- Windmill Animal Farm
- Bring Yer Wellies
- Liverpool Cathedral
- Gujarat Hindu Society Temple in Preston
- Imagine That!
- Eccleston Library
- Cuerden Valley
- UCLAN Science Day
- RSPB Fairhaven

As well as class trips, we love to go out as a whole school. These visits have included...

- Pantomime at King George's Hall in Blackburn
- Pantomime at Preston Guild Hall
- Cinema experience at the Empire Cinema in Wigan



## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Every child – and their family - is of paramount importance to us. We hope that all children will feel happy and settled in school and at home. However, at one time or another, anyone might need a little extra support. We have a number of strategies in place:

- Our full-time Learning Mentor, Mrs Richardson, is always on hand for any child who might need her. She also runs a series of group sessions for children who have been identified as needing a little extra support
- Lego Therapy
- Social Stories
- Life Education visits from CORAM Education
- The Headsup Programme – specially designed to help children make the transition from primary to high school

## LITTLE EXPLORERS NURSERY

We were delighted to open our very own Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds in January 2022 and since then, it has gone from strength to strength. Our warm and friendly staff offer the best care and support for your little ones in our purpose-built setting. We accept Nursery vouchers and can offer wrap-around care from 7.45 am to 6 pm with Nursery children being more than welcome to join our Before and After School Clubs outside standard Nursery hours (8.45 am – 3.15 pm.)



# Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School



Every member of the Eccleston St. Mary's community – children, parents, grandparents, staff, governors – are greatly valued as part of our school family. If you and your child are interested in joining this very special family, please contact the school office for more information.

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You can also follow us on  
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*At the heart of the community for 150 years*

## ABOUT US

Eccleston St. Mary's is a warm and welcoming church school, which has sat proudly at the heart of the community for the last 150 years. Here at St. Mary's we aim to enable every child to grow – socially, emotionally, academically and spiritually.

We value each of our pupils as an individual and provide opportunities for them to discover and develop their own unique talents. Whether they are academic, athletic, musical, artistic or creative, your child will have every opportunity to flourish in our supportive and encouraging school environment.

## OUR RICH AND VARIED CURRICULUM

Our curriculum has been designed to stimulate and challenge; to encourage children's natural inquisitiveness; to be fun and memorable. At every opportunity we look to enhance children's learning experiences with extra opportunities. These have recently included:

- Mini First Aid training
- Debt Awareness lessons
- A visit from a 'real' Viking!
- Titanic Day
- Pizza-making at Verdes

We also love to take part in themed days and weeks across the school:

- Pancake Day
- Sing Up Day
- World Book Day
- Enterprise Event
- Interfaith Week
- Arts Week
- Design and Technology / STEM Week



## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Our children love exploring the Great Outdoors and we are really lucky to have a variety of outdoor spaces to enjoy.

- Our very own field with wooded area – perfect not only for sports but dens, team-building, orienteering and so much more
- Woodland Lodge outdoor classroom
- MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)
- Forest School area
- Pond
- Early Years Outdoor Area
- Picnic benches
- Climbing Wall
- Allotment Area
- Outdoor Table Tennis Table



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

We offer wrap-around care in our Before and After School Clubs from 7.45 am – 6 pm every day. We also provide care in the holidays through Jordan of JMCoaching, who runs clubs from 8.30 am to 4pm every weekday throughout the school holidays.

In addition, in term time, we run a huge variety of clubs, some of which are run by our own school staff; some of which are run by external providers. These include, but are not limited to...

- Guitar
- Spanish
- Cookery
- Choir
- Fencing
- Construction
- Judo
- Football
- Netball
- Futsal
- Multi-skills
- Coding
- FBA and BBA (Fantastic Book Awards and Brilliant Book Awards)
- Rounders
- Cross-country



## DISCOVERING AND DEVELOPING TALENT

We believe all children have talents – some are obvious and some are more hidden – but we encourage them to discover, use and develop all their talents in every possible area. This is why we provide the greatest variety of opportunities possible:

### Music

- Recorders in Y2 and Y3
- Clarinet in Y5
- Y3 participate at the 'Let's Go Sing' concert in King George's Hall in Blackburn
- Guitar Club
- Brass Club in partnership with Eccleston Brass Band
- Junior Choir – 'The Singing Sensations'
- Infant singing group – 'The Mini Sensations'

### Sport

We were recently awarded the Platinum Award for Schools Sport, recognising our commitment to sport throughout school. We have our own sports coach – Jordan of JMCoaching – and are also members of the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. Through them, other outside agencies and our own staff, we offer a wide variety of both curricular and extra-curricular sports, including...

- Football – boys and girls
- Netball
- Tennis
- Dodgeball
- Athletics
- Cross-country
- Tri-golf
- Tag rugby
- Multi-skills
- Balance bikes
- Orienteering
- Fencing
- Judo
- Futsal

## Performing Arts

We are very lucky to have a huge stage in our school hall – and we certainly make the most of it! Performing in front of an audience is one of the best ways for a child to develop their self-confidence and we give our children plenty of opportunities to do just that.

- School choir concert with St. Mary's Church choir
- 150th Anniversary concert
- Infant nativity
- Junior Christmas show
- Y6 Leavers' Play
- Class Worships

## BEING A GOOD CITIZEN

We help the children to appreciate their role in wider society by supporting a variety of charities...

- Comic Relief
- Children in Need
- Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Derian House
- Chorley Homeless
- St. Laurence's Foodbank
- Sparkle Bean Trust

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Our links with the local churches and Blackburn Diocese are very important to us, as are our Christian Values, which run alongside our British Values.

We also welcome visitors of other faiths to share their beliefs and customs with us and we have a focus on a particular major world religion during our Interfaith Week each year.

